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GOVERNOR

PAUL C. AJEGBA DIRECTOR

March 1, 2019

Mr. Chris Kolb, Director State Budget Office 111 South Capital Avenue Romney Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Lansing, Michigan 48933

## Dear Director Kolb:

Pursuant to Section 385 of Public Act 207 of 2018, this letter contains the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) report of activities related to the Gordie Howe International Bridge (GHIB) project for the first quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

During this time, MDOT responded to GHIB-related requests for information from Governor Snyder's office, legislative offices, the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), United States Department of Transportation, and other local, state, and federal entities. We have continued to participate in meetings to facilitate these requests, and work with WDBA in order to implement the June 2012 Crossing Agreement.

Additionally, MDOT engaged in the following activities during the first quarter:

- Real estate activities including environmental due diligence appraisal work, property
  acquisition, demolition, and other site preparation work. Working with our legal team,
  MDOT is actively pursuing acquisition activities on remaining parcels, including use of
  the condemnation process when required.
- GHIB-related utility relocation as part of the I-75 pavement inlay project, including the relocation and replacement of several siphons and combined sewer crossings.
- Relocation planning activities with other utilities and railroads located within the project footprint.
- Advance construction activities including review of design work to progress with foundation construction of the main bridge, test piles, preparation work at I-75, and geotechnical exploration.
- Participation in several technical working groups providing guidance, review and oversight of project activities by Bridging North America (private-sector concessionaire).

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Canada provided payment to MDOT during the last quarter for invoices billing work completed through September 2018. Enclosed is a summary of GHIB-related expenditures by MDOT during the first quarter of FY 2019, with Canadian and federal funds as the source. There were no GHIB-related payments or expenses incurred by MDOT pursuant to contracts with any vendors, experts, or consultants that were not reimbursable.

If you have any questions, please contact either me or Troy Hagon, Legislative Liaison for Governmental Affairs at (517) 373-4860.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Ajegba, P.E.

Director

## Enclosure

cc: Governor Gretchen Whitmer

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist

Senate Majority Leader

Senate Minority Leader

Speaker of the House

House Minority Leader

Senate and House Fiscal Agencies

Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation

Troy Hagon, Legislative Liaison

Description	Expenditures
Staff Costs	\$ 1,219,278.33
Travel/Meal Expenses	\$ 18,708.48
Acquisition Costs	\$ 8,704,867.43
Utility Relocation	\$ 1,418,991.20
Rail Design / Improvement	\$ 2,106.64
Permitting	\$ 1,200.00
Fees and Compensation (Consultants)	\$ 5,640,056.95
Telephone/Other	\$ 18,697.02
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,023,906.05
Amount Reimbursable	\$ 17,023,906.05
Amount Funded by State Transportation Revenues	\$ -